

C 48 AD

St Matthew wrote his gospel
in Aramaic, (the Hebrew tongue)
Tradition says it was written between
42 AD and 50 AD (council of Jerusalem)

48-52 AD

CUMANUS was procurator
(Roman gov.) of Judaea.

48 AD.

Claudius ordered a census to
be taken.

48 AD

Death of Messalina. Development
of government through
emperor's secretariat.

48

Vitellius was Consul

Jan 1, 48

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Time

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48-53 AD

Agrippa II, king of Chalcis
(48-53) receives from the
Emperor the right to nominate
the high priests for the Temple.
The real power remains in the
hands of the Roman governors.

she persuaded him to adopt Nero as his son, and to give his 13-year-old daughter Octavia to the 16-year-old youth in marriage (53 A.D.)

She assumed more & more political power, and finally sat beside him on the imperial dais. She recalled SENECA from exile to which Claudius had condemned him, and made him the tutor of her son (49 AD); and she had her friend

48 AD → 54 AD

Claudius

DURANT

Within a year, Claudius was hesitating whether to marry LOLLIA PAULINA or the younger AGRIPPINA. Lollia, ex-wife of Caligula was rich; sometimes, we are told, she wore jewelry worth 40,000,000 sesterces; perhaps Claudius admired her money more than her taste. Agrippina was the daughter of the elder Agrippina and Germanicus; she too, had in her the unrecanted blood

of Octavian and Antony, and had succeeded to the beauty, ability, resolution, and unflinching vinctiveness of her mother. She was already twice a widow. By her 1st husband, CNAEUS DOMITIUS AGENOBARRUS, she had a son NERO, whose enthronement became the ruling passion of her life; and from her 2nd husband CAIUS CRISPUS, whom rumor accused her of poisoning, she inherited the wealth that secured her access. Her problem was to become the wife of Claudius, to get rid of his son BRITANNICUS, and make NERO, by adoption, heir to the Empire. The fact that she was Claudius's niece did not deter her, but gave her opportunities for fond intimacies that steeled the aging ruler in no avuncular way. Suddenly he appeared before the Senate and asked it to bid him marry again for the good of the state. The Senate complied, the Praetorians laughed, and Agrippina reached the throne.

She was 32, Claudius 57
Playing upon him with all her charms

she risked everything: she fed Claudius
poisonous mushrooms, and he died after
12 hours of agony without being able to
utter a word (SPOA). When the Senate
deified him, NERO, already enthroned,
remarked that mushrooms must be the
food of the gods, since by eating them
Claudius had become divine.

<Claudius death> Agrippina (2)

BURRUS appointed prefect of the
Praetorian Guard. So poised, she ruled
with a virile hand and established
order and economy in the imperial
household. She had LOLLIA PAULINA
put to death because Claudius in
a careless moment remarked on the
elegance of Lollia's figure. She had
MARCUS SILANUS poisoned because
she feared that Claudius might
name him as heir. She

conspired with Pallas to overthrow
NARCISSEUS, and thus merged
potentate, as faithful as he was corrupt,
ended his career in a dungeon.
The Emperor, weakened by ill-health,
many labors, and sexual enterprise,
allowed Pallas and Agrippina to
establish another reign of terror.
Men were accused, exiled, or killed
because the Treasury was exhausted
by public works and games and
needed replenishment by confiscated
wealth. 35 senators and 300 knights
were condemned to death in the 13
years of Claudius' reign.

after 5 years of his 5th marriage
Claudius awoke to what Agrippina
was doing. He resolved to put an
end to her power, and circumvent her
plans for NERO, by naming Britannicus
his heir. But Agrippina had more
determination and less scruples.
Perceiving the Emperor's intentions

Oct 48

Valeria Mesalena's faithfulness
caught up with her and
she was executed

48-52

CUMANUS was procurator,
His soldiers perpetrated anti-Jewish
acts leading to riots and slaughter;

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Ananias was high priest

48-51 AD

Paul's second missionary journey

48BC

DURANT

Death of Messalina

Claudius marries AGRIPPINA the younger

AD 48 \Rightarrow AD 51

Paul and Silas travel through present-day Turkey and Greece founding churches along the way. The mission lasts between AD 48 and AD 51.

Luke (author of Acts) joins Paul & Silas at TROAS on way to Macedonia. Silas & Timothy & Paul spend about 2 years in Corinth building up the church.